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## GARDINER IS GIVEN ACCLAMATION FOR TENTH TERM

### To Ban Candidatures by U.F.A. Board Members

#### BAN WILL FOLLOW BOARD'S ADVICE TO FARM CONVENTION

Seat to Be Declared Vacant When Board Member Takes Political Nomination

#### PRINCIPLE APPROVED

Object Is to Provide Safeguard Against Disruptive Influence When Elections Come

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

EDMONTON, Jan. 17th.—Sent back for re-drafting after an overwhelming majority of delegates had indicated their approval of the principle involved, a resolution which provides that the seat on the U.F.A. Central Board of any member who accepts a nomination for the Provincial Legislature or Federal Parliament shall be declared vacant within one month, was decisively passed by the Convention. The ban will apply to all members of the United Farm Women's Board, as well as the U.F.A. Central Board and members of the Junior Executive and Junior Directors.

The resolution, which was submitted by the Board, and supported by the officers whom it will affect, including H. E. Spencer, a member of the Executive, who has accepted a Federal nomination, is intended to guard against the possibility that members of the Board might find themselves in opposing camps as candidates in the forthcoming Federal and Provincial elections, thereby creating a situation which it is felt would be inimical to the solidarity and general well-being of the movement as a whole.

The resolution also applies to any member of the Board who may become a paid employee of any political party.

#### To Meet U.F.C. Committee

Another Board resolution adopted instructed the Board to appoint a small committee to meet a similar committee of the United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section) to discuss ways and means of maintaining unity in the farm movement and to make recommendations to the next Convention. It was pointed out that the objective of each of these bodies appears to be identical with that of the other.

The Convention unanimously adopted a resolution commending the work done by *The Western Farm Leader* in its fight for the farmers' cause, and stating that "we offer our continued support to *The Western Farm Leader* and recommend that all Locals canvass their districts for subscribers."

Following the opening of the Convention by Lieutenant-Governor Bowen and an address of welcome from Mayor Fry, Mr. Gardiner was elected Convention Chairman. Hugh Allen and J. M. Wheatley acted as assistant Chairmen during the day.

#### Brownlee Warns Protective Legislation in Danger

EDMONTON, Jan. 17th.—Giving warning that action now in the Courts and insistent demand for withdrawal of Federal Debt Legislation for protection of farmers may imperil the position of many farm people in the West, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., speaking to a crowded gathering here last night, urged all farmers organizations to rally to the support of present protective legislation.

George Hoadley gave an illuminating address on Medical Care and Health Services in Canada.

#### PROGRESS OF WAR ORGANIZATION IN CANADA REVIEWED

British Purchases in Canada This Year May Reach \$500,000,000

#### FIRST WAR LOAN

Allocation of Bonds to Provide for Participation by Many Small Investors

By M. McDougall

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Jan. 17th.—The launching of the first war loan, assured from its inception of a favorable reception in Canadian homes, has been an historic event. It was the first request in this war from the Government of Canada to the people of the Dominion "to make their dollars fight for a national cause," through the investment of their savings to provide the means to carry on the war for freedom. In the allocation of the bonds every effort will be made to see that as many small investors as possible will participate in this drive to provide the sinews of war.

#### Canada's Position in War

When Parliament meets in session on Thursday of next week the members will find a situation in relation to the war which in the barest outline is as follows: on the military side there is the division of 16,000 men receiving final training in Britain; about 66,000 men are enrolled in the land military forces. In the navy six destroyers with a flotilla leader are actively engaged in convoy work and other duties. About seventeen million dollars will be spent in the construction of naval boats, part of them for Britain, part for Canada, including 30 "whale catcher" craft, about 100 feet long with a high rate of speed. The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in which Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand are co-partners, is progressing rapidly as far as preliminary arrangements are concerned. The selection and surveying of sites for the 67 schools in which



R. GARDINER

#### ACCLAMATION IS GIVEN PRESIDENT AMIDST APPLAUSE

James Bentley, Henry Spencer, Hugh Allen and S. S. Sears Withdraw

#### DISCUSS CO-OPERATIVE

Keen Interest Is Shown By Convention in Expanding Co-operative Activities

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

EDMONTON, Jan. 17th.—Robert Gardiner was re-elected by acclamation for a tenth term as President of the United Farmers of Alberta at noon today. Four other names had been placed in nomination during an extended period allowed by the Chairman, Hugh Allen, before a motion that nominations close was accepted. They were: James Bentley, North Edmonton; Henry E. Spencer, Edgerton; Hugh Allen, Huallen; and Snow S. Sears, Nanton.

Following the acclamation, President Gardiner was received with applause as in a brief speech he expressed appreciation and discussed the need for a united farm movement. "The problems facing the farmers," he said, "are too great for us to be sidetracked on petty matters."

In refusing nomination, Mr. Spencer pointed out that he had accepted a nomination for the Dominion Parliament, and would therefore be ineligible under the terms of a board resolution which would no doubt be carried. Mr. Spencer himself has spoken in support of this resolution, which is described elsewhere.

Mr. Sears said he would have accepted the nomination under some circumstances, as he had ideas on farm organization he would like to see carried out; but other responsibilities prevented his doing so.

The morning was spent in discussion of the report of the Central Co-operative, keen interest being shown by the delegates in the expanding activities of this branch of the movement. The report is signed by Norman F. Priestley, Chairman, George E. Church, J. K. Sutherland, C. A. Fawcett, D. H. Smith.

That legislation will be brought in at the forthcoming session of the Provincial Legislature to make possible the establishment of a Provincial Bank, is reported in Calgary.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17th.—While the first war loan has now been oversubscribed, the lists will be kept open indefinitely to allow citizens in more remote districts to participate.

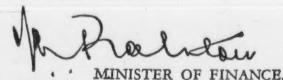
New Zealand is planning for the post-war period, declared Prime Minister Savage, so that men returning from the war will not have to carry the burden of huge war debts.

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# *A Call*

## TO SERVICE on the Economic Front

*"Materials and money count for so much in this war that a resolute, loyal and enthusiastic economic front line may be the determining factor."*



Mr. Lester B. Pearson  
MINISTER OF FINANCE.

To your restless question "When can I help win this war?" — the answer is NOW. The Government of the Dominion of Canada has announced the First War Loan. The purpose of this Loan is to provide money to carry on the war, not only on the battlefields, but all along the Economic Front.

Let us explain what the Economic Front means. It means a war in which the entire natural, industrial and financial resources of the country are used to defeat the enemy. It means a "total war" in which every citizen takes a part, in which his personal resources must support those of the Nation.

In such a war, one of the chief weapons is money. Where is this money to come from? There is only one answer. It must come — and come voluntarily — from the savings of our people. The difference between us and the Germans is that we, of our own free will, lend our money — it is not ruthlessly taken away.

This is your opportunity to do your part in this struggle against Hitlerism. The eyes of the world are upon you, upon Canada, one of the strongest members of the British Commonwealth. Canadians must show that their strength, their courage and their resources are all in this fight against "brute force, bad faith, injustice, aggression and persecution."

The news of the success of this Loan must go ringing round the world.

Buy War Loan Bonds. They have the proven safety and salability of Dominion of Canada obligations. Any Investment Dealer or Chartered Bank will take your subscription. The quicker the economic war is won, the greater will be the saving of human lives . . . the swifter the collapse of the enemy.

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MAKE YOUR DOLLARS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

## Board to Set Minimum Price for Farm Products Based on Average Production Costs Is Called For

**"Drastic Legislation Required to Meet Situation Faced by Farm People," Declares President Robert Gardiner in Annual Address to U.F.A. Convention.**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Jan. 16th.—"Through our consumer and producer co-operative activities we have reduced somewhat the gap that has existed between the price received by the farmer and the average cost of production, but I have arrived at the conclusion that drastic legislation is required to meet the situation. This legislation should make provision for the setting up of a Board on which the consumer and producer would be represented, endowed with ample power to ascertain the average cost of producing farm produce in Canada, and the setting of a minimum price that would return to the producer the average cost of production. There is no serious difficulty that stands in the way of this being done. It has been done in other countries with beneficial results to the farmer."

### Ruinous Inequality

The above important proposal was made by Robert Gardiner, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, in the course of his annual address to the Annual Convention of the Association here today. It followed a careful and detailed analysis of the inequalities, ruinously to the disadvantage of the farming industry, over a term of years, between the prices which the farmer receives for his products and the costs of the manufactured products he must buy to carry on production and support his family.

"The only difficulty that stands in the way," said Mr. Gardiner, "is the necessity of convincing the Federal Government, and the Parliament of Canada, that legislation of this character is required for the preservation of Canada's largest industry. The legislation that I have suggested is necessary to save agriculture from utter ruin, but it would also be in the interests of our secondary industries, inasmuch as it would increase enormously the purchasing power of the farmer."

"Objections may be taken to this proposal on the ground that the price of farm produce consumed in Canada would be higher than the price received for similar produce exported. This contention would be correct, and if it were not so then it would be of no value to the producer, and for the reason that we need higher prices than we are receiving for farm produce exported in order to meet the average cost of production. We know that the export price, at present, determines the price of these commodities consumed in Canada."

### Processing Tax Necessary

"In order to make up the difference between the minimum price set for farm produce consumed in Canada and the price received for that portion exported, it would be necessary to impose processing and such other taxes as are necessary. I know that there will be strong objections raised against the imposition of any kind of taxes for this purpose. Ever since the inauguration of the so-called national policy in the early years of Confederation, the Governments and Parliament of Canada have been imposing direct and indirect taxes in the interests of our secondary industries. The majority of the owners of these industries have become extremely wealthy under this policy. There is no class in Canada that has contributed more in real wealth to support this policy than the farmers throughout the Dominion. The time has arrived when we must demand, and secure, equal treatment."

Between the last Convention and the outbreak of war, said Mr. Gar-

	Per cent
Copper wash boiler	9.4
3 H.P. Engine (on skids)	25.0
Gasoline	33.8
Tractor 15-30 H.P.	36.0
Tractor 10-20 H.P.	44.8
4 furrow tractor plow	48.0

"May I remind you that the 1937 type of engine, tractor, and tractor plow was not in existence in 1913. Therefore, I query these figures. This leaves two commodities that were sold in 1937 at a price lower than in 1913; copper wash boilers and gasoline.

### Almost All Farm Products Lower

"The pamphlet does not give similar information in regard to the prices of agricultural products for the years 1913 and 1937. With the exception of hogs since 1933 and wheat for a portion of the grain year of 1937-38, the price of all other farm commodities was lower in 1937 than in 1913.

"These lower prices of farm products in conjunction with the increased price of the goods the farmer must purchase are wholly responsible for the present economic insecurity of the farmer. It is true that poor crop conditions in some areas were a contributing factor, but I am satisfied that the disparity in prices was equally important. If this condition had only been in existence for a short time we could have some hope that there would be an improvement in the near future. But this condition has been in existence for more than ten years, and there is nothing in sight that would lead one to hope for an improvement in the future."

## State Work of Leader for Farm Movement of Province "Outstanding"

EDMONTON, Jan. 16th.—Expressing appreciation of publicity given to Association activities by the daily and weekly press of the Province, the U.F.A. Central Board's report to the Annual Convention went on to state: "Outstanding is the work of The Western Farm Leader. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith are consistently supporting the farm movement as a whole and its co-operative activities. The paper's circulation of twenty thousand is entirely rural and it is to be hoped that our members and farmers generally will rally to the support of this deserving farm journal."

Lethbridge Central U.F.A. have elected as their officers W. L. Hudson, H. J. Scott and H. J. Flock.

Painter Creek U.F.A. re-elected Mr. Stanley, Mr. Fuller and Mrs. Stanley Jackson to office.

Ed. Holt, Mrs. H. Clarke and Gordon McPhail were recently elected officers of Strong Creek U.F.A. Local, at Roma.

Twenty-seven members joined the new Rolling Hills U.F.A. Local at its first meeting and elected R. F. Olin secretary. R. McManus and Carl Anderson were the organizers.

## UNITED FARM FRONT

There are a large number of grain producers in the Province of Alberta who have stayed loyally by Alberta Pool Elevators through good times and bad, in prosperity and in adversity. It is those people who have made Alberta Pool Elevators a power in Canada today. In return, Alberta Pool Elevators has striven to give the best possible service in the physical handling and sale of the grain entrusted to its care, and to work in every possible way for the advancement of agriculture. In co-operation with the farmers' organizations of Western Canada, the Wheat Pools finally managed to obtain a federal Wheat Board. That action alone has meant the saving of millions of dollars to the grain producers of the west. Without a Wheat Board today the bulk of Canada's supplies would be in the hands of speculators, and the farmers, most of whom have to sell their grain on delivery, would have certainly received much lower prices than the minimum of 70c for One Northern.

Those grain producers who have not patronized Alberta Pool Elevators in the past should carefully consider the contribution this organization has made to their welfare. They should realize too that a united front among farmers is a vital necessity if the industry is to obtain its rights in the economic field.

## ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

"Only six commodities," Mr. Gardiner pointed out, "are listed as being

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## AT THE CONVENTION

In spite of a sudden drop in temperature after a long period of mild weather, there is a large attendance of delegates and visitors at the U.F.A. Convention, which is in session in Edmonton as we go to press.

In the earnestness with which the delegates are directing themselves to the discussion of the critical situation in the agricultural industry; in the nature of the plans for positive action which they are examining and will seek to carry into the field of action; in their concern for the maintenance of unity in the farm movement (which now more than ever is essential if the voice of agriculture is to be clear, purposeful and effective) the Convention is maintaining a high level. The good humor and tolerance of differences of opinion which have come to be associated with these gatherings are characterizing all debates.

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As we write, discussion has still to come on a subject raised both in President Gardiner's address and in the report of the Board of Directors—the necessity, in the national interest, for the adoption by the Government at Ottawa, of a national policy in war time which shall not involve discrimination against Canada's primary industry.

"Price trends and relationships are not easily made to conform to any pattern or design," state the Board of Directors, "but farmers should not be kept in the dark in any matters of national policy that seriously affect their economic welfare. We would point out, for instance, that a bargain in hogs was struck between a purchasing authority in Britain and the Canadian Agricultural Supplies Committee that determined the price of bacon and the price paid to hog producers before the Bacon Board was set up, and that no bodies of organized farmers were consulted. This is in marked contrast to the policy of the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States in their relation to farmers. We would also point out that no statement has yet been issued covering any phase of the negotiations conducted by Hon. T. A. Crerar. We believe it to be

in the interest of national unity and efficiency that the organized farmers should be taken into account at all times in these very important matters."

We have no doubt that the Convention will express itself with warranted directness upon this matter, and that it will demand representation for the producers upon the War Supplies Committee, in order that the interests of the farm people may be adequately protected.

The farmers are willing and fully prepared to carry their share of the burden of a war in which great issues are at stake, but they have the right to ask that the expression "equality of sacrifice" shall be made a reality. They have the right to receive a price for their product on a parity with the sharply rising prices of the commodities they must buy—a price sufficient to enable the farmers to purchase the goods and services which are required to maintain efficient standards of farm operation, and further, to maintain a living standard equal to the average standard of those engaged in other branches of production.

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## E. S. McRORY'S RETIREMENT

The announcement of the resignation of E. S. McRory from the position of Western Manager of the United Grain Growers, which has been necessitated by ill-health, has occasioned sincere and widespread regret.

Mr. McRory's service, first in the Alberta Co-operative Elevator Company, and later in the United Grain Growers with which that company was amalgamated, has covered virtually the whole period since farmers in Western Canada began to acquire elevator facilities of their own. He has always taken a keen interest in and given sympathetic and active support to the organized farmers' movement in the West; courteously responding to innumerable requests for assistance in various fields of activity.

We are sure that our readers will join with us in wishing Mr. McRory an early recovery of health.

Mr. Edworthy, who succeeds him, has been in the Company's service since 1917, and for several years has been Assistant Manager. He is well

qualified by experience and personal capacity for his important new responsibilities.

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## BUILDER OF STAMPEDE

Another well-known Westerner in the person of E. L. Richardson has recently announced his retirement. Mr. Richardson was virtually the creator of the Calgary Stampede, over whose successful development from small beginnings until it has become a national and even international event, he has exercised able and energetic supervision. He will carry on until the Exhibition and Stampede of 1940, and the new Manager, Charles Yule, will have the advantage of his assistance for some time afterwards.

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## ANTI-CLIMAX

Since the war began the British House of Commons has had its dramatic moments and its moments of anti-climax. The most astonishing of the latter was provided by the speech of Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Secretary for War, who left the public completely in the dark as to the nature of the differences with his associates which led to his dismissal by the Prime Minister. It is of course possible that behind this reticence on the ex-Minister's part there may be some point about "not rocking the boat."

Hore-Belisha coined a good sentence in justification of a policy with which his name has been associated: "It did not occur to me that we were making an army too democratic to fight for democracy."

But Mr. Chamberlain affirmed that this was the policy of the whole Cabinet.

In any event, if the reforms are real and prove to be permanent, the former Secretary for War will be remembered, with Captain Liddell Hart, the expert who advised him, as the executant of a good job thoroughly done.

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## IF

"I had hoped that in Spain, Europe might be saved from the present war. It could have been if all the elements now backing Finland had helped struggling democratic Spain against foreign aggression." — Louis Fischer, in the New York Nation.

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## CITY GREETS U.F.A. ONCE MORE

(Edmonton Journal)

Edmonton has welcomed delegates to the Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta every other year for over three decades. To do so has always been a pleasure, which will be shared widely again this week. About seven hundred persons have assembled here from all parts of the province for the annual gathering. They take seriously the duties assigned to them by their Locals and in the course of the sessions there are certain to be many earnest discussions of the matters with which they are called upon to deal. The attitude towards these of the organization representing the farmers of Alberta is of so much public concern that close attention must be paid to the opinions expressed and the decisions reached.

## OPPOSED TO ANY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FARMERS

### U.F.A. Board Reviews Action re Farmer Representation on War Supplies Boards

EDMONTON, Jan. 16th.—"Knowing from bitter experience the distress which the economic upheaval of the years following 1914 brought to Western Canada," the U.F.A. Executive in behalf of the Central Board, at the outbreak of the present war urged the Dominion Government to provide for producer representation on the war supplies committee, the report of the Board, presented to the Convention here today, pointed out. "Further action must be taken to insure that during the war and in the readjustment which must inevitably follow, the vital interests of agriculture are not overlooked but are adequately protected."

#### Must Not Suffer Discrimination

Western Canadian farmers had proved their good citizenship to the hilt in the war of 1914-18. When called upon "in the interests of the nation and the cause of freedom throughout the world, to make a sacrifice," they would do their part; but demanded that national policy should not discriminate against them "by asking them to bear too great a burden as compared with other classes in and areas of the national life." Failure to consult the producers before setting the price of bacon in connection with the Agricultural Supplies Committee was in marked contrast to the policies of the British and United States Governments. It was noted that Hon. T. A. Crerar has not yet issued any statement covering negotiations in the United Kingdom.

#### Wheat Price Struggle

The Board Report reviewed at length the struggle which had been carried on by the U.F.A. to obtain a guaranteed price for wheat at a figure reasonably close to production costs, when it was realized last February that removal of the peg "might mean 35 cent wheat for Alberta farmers," and described the co-operation of other bodies in broadcasts arranged at that time; the work of the Bracken Committee also being reviewed. Later a minimum of 60 cents was proposed at Ottawa. "We have no doubt," it was stated, "that our action in conjunction with other farm bodies and Western interests generally had the effect of raising the minimum from 60 to 70 cents." The outbreak of war might raise the question to other levels.

The report reviewed organizational activities of the past year, indicating the progress made and expansion of membership. Dealing with efforts to set up a duplicate organization, it was pointed out that the original reason given for the emergence of this movement was that the U.F.A. was in politics, but that the duplicate body had continued to organize, after the withdrawal of the U.F.A. from political activity.

#### Other Matters

Other matters dealt with included

**"The English Watch Shop"**  
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## U.F.A. Now Has Set-up of Trade Union, Says President R. Gardiner

### Deals With Questions Raised in Recent Letters—Question of Direct Action

EDMONTON, Jan. 16th.—Stating that he had received a number of letters suggesting that the U.F.A. set-up is out of date, and that to bring it up-to-date it should be reorganized on trade union lines, President Gardiner in his address today pointed out that it is exactly upon trade union lines that the U.F.A. is now organized.

Since the U.F.A. abandoned political action, some groups who had previously based criticism on this ground, had had to find other excuses for criticism, and this suggestion regarding "trade union lines" appeared to be "one of their favorites."

Before he came to Canada, said Mr. Gardiner, he had been a member of a trade union and he had since kept in touch with industrial trade union matters. The set-up in Canada and in Britain was identical, and was the best that the trade unionists had been able to devise to meet their particular requirements.

#### No Noticeable Difference

"I assert," he added, "that there is no noticeable difference between the trade-union set-up and the present U.F.A. set-up. The trade unions have their locals, just the same as the U.F.A. They hold conventions composed of their elected officers and delegates appointed by the members of the various locals, just the same as the U.F.A. The officers of the trade unions are elected by the delegates at their Convention, just the same as the U.F.A. The trade union is controlled from the ground up, and further the policies of the union are determined by the members of the organization in a democratic manner, just the same as the U.F.A.

#### Direct Action

"Another criticism is that the U.F.A. is not prepared to take direct action similar to what the trade unions have done. In this regard I can only express my own opinion. Personally, I think it may be necessary that some time in the future the farmers, in order to secure the equity and justice to which they are entitled, may be forced to consider the possibilities of direct action. . . . Direct action should be considered as a last resort when, after all other methods available have been used, we have failed to attain our objective.

#### Points to Keep in Mind

"If, in the future, we are forced to consider direct action, there are a few points that must be kept in mind. Is the objective we have in mind of sufficient value to compensate for the hardships that direct action will entail? A very careful study of all the factors involved, in order to determine as to

the Alberta Marketing Act, it being pointed out that no commodity board has as yet been set up under it and that among livestock groups there appeared to be some doubt as to the workability of the act; amalgamation of Wheat Pools and United Grain Growers, hope being expressed that farmers would not rest content until overlapping and competition in their facilities are removed; and "one great prairie-wide institution perfected to serve the grower of grain who created them"; and the subject of debt adjustment. "We take pride in the work of our legal department in this connection," it was stated. "Our solicitors, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., in Edmonton, and W. E. Hall, in Calgary, have become noted for their splendid services to farm people."

High appreciation was expressed of the efficient work of the Co-operative Committee and "the loyalty and fine work of the staff of U.F.A. Central Office."

whether the direct action contemplated will be reasonably sure of attaining our objective will have to be made. Will the farmers in whose interests direct action is suggested pledge themselves in sufficient number to make direct action a success; what percentage of farmers pledged to support direct action will be necessary to success? These, and points that time will not permit of discussion at present, will have to be carefully analysed before we are in a position to determine as to the success of direct action."

#### Crux of Problem

The crux of the problem did not lie in the present form of set-up or present policies, but in the attitude of the individual farmer. In the trade union of which he had once been a member, men who had had long experience in organization told him that their great difficulty was the lack on the part of the workers of consciousness of their class interests and of the necessity of class solidarity. Similarly, in the U.F.A. movement, it was because they lacked this consciousness that many farmers who

## Alberta Delegates to Attend National Farm Gathering Next Week

To attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture—the only national farmers' organization in the Dominion—delegates from the Alberta Co-operative Council will leave Calgary this week for Ottawa. The meeting will be held on January 23. Delegates will be: C. Jensen, president, Lew Hutchinson and W. C. McKenzie. Prior to the meeting of the Chamber, they will attend a meeting of the Western Agricultural Conference, in Ottawa on January 23rd. Mr. McKenzie will also attend the National Livestock Conference to be held in Ottawa next week.

were members of the U.F.A. in 1921 were not now members. "Had they been conscious of their class interests they would not have used petty and insignificant matters as reasons for withdrawing their membership from that organization."

## GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN BUYING WHEAT

British Government agents bought Canadian wheat heavily last week, more than 20 million bushels, it is believed. Most of this is expected to be shipped soon.

At the same time Britain bought sixty million bushels of Australian wheat, at prices much lower than for Canadian. But no one can tell how fast ships will be available to carry it.

The British Government has allowed substantial advances in prices charged for imported feed grains and their products.

Both Switzerland and Holland have been buying Canadian wheat, that for Switzerland to be shipped in through Italy.

Farmers in Kansas and other winter wheat states now feel a little better about their winter wheat crops because they have had some snow. They are wondering if wheat unsprouted yet will be able to make a crop.

All these things form a part of the ever changing picture in grain markets. The organization which serves you in handling your grain must be constantly alert to factors such as these, as well as scores of others, if it is to give you the best possible service.

This Farmers' Company has the background and the experience, developed during service of more than a quarter of a century, which enables it to look out for customers' interests in every possible way. Farmers established it and have maintained it for just that purpose.

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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## North Dakota Farmers Build Co-operative Enterprises . . .

To learn something of what others are doing in the field of co-operation is a source of inspiration in the work we ourselves are carrying on. From time to time, therefore, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool will publish in its department in *The Leader*, outlines of the achievements of others. In this issue we publish a portion of an address which was delivered in Calgary by Glenn J. Talbott, President of the North Dakota Farmers' Union, before a large audience on the occasion of the Annual Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool. At an early date this will be followed with a description of the achievement of an important Saskatchewan co-operative.

The growth of the co-operative movement . . . during the past ten depression years, and during a period of time when a substantial part of our state has been visited by partial and total crop failure is, I believe, an outstanding record of co-operative achievement.

### Why People Build Co-operatives

We must remember that people do not build co-operatives just because they want some additional work to do; they build marketing co-operatives only as they gain an understanding that the organizations which have always marketed farmers' products, have failed to return to farmers a sufficiently high price to enable them to pay the costs of operation and maintain their homes; and they build farm supply co-operatives only when forced to do so by reason of unjustifiably high prices and wide margins which have been, and are yet being taken, in many instances, by those organizations which have historically supplied the needs of farmers in the operation of their business.

You will undoubtedly be interested in a brief account of what we are actually doing in regard to building a co-operative structure.

### Service Co-operatives

First, let us take the field of service co-operatives. During the past 18 months we have moved into the field of Credit Unions, which are organized under Federal Charter. Our Credit Unions are growing rapidly in number, in size and in usefulness.

Another type of Service Co-operative which is becoming very popular, is the cold storage locker plant. We have only two in operation, but several more are in the process of organization.

We also have a number of highly successful co-operative rural electrification associations.

Our Fraternal Legal Reserve Life Insurance Company is now licensed in four states, and in North Dakota alone we have written more than one-half million dollars of insurance during the past year. Our company writes all standard types of policies including a family hospitalization pol-

icy and we have several low cost policies especially designed for low income farm people which, so far as I know, are not offered by other companies.

In the field of Farm Supply Co-operatives, we have several Farmers' Union Grocery Stores which to date have enjoyed very successful operation.

### Oil Co-operatives

We have in operation more than 100 Farmers' Union Co-operative Oil Companies, who with similar companies in the states of Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, own and operate our central wholesale,—The Farmers' Union Central Exchange Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota. The Central Exchange owns the most modern oil blending plant in the United States.

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And last, we have been building our marketing co-operatives as rapidly as has been possible.

North Dakota is one of the large states in turkey production. Our people have been as mercilessly exploited in that field as in any other. We started organizing Farmers' Union Turkey Pools in 1931, and through the time-honoured method of trial and error, we have now in operation our Great Northern Turkey Co-operative, Inc., serving nine north-central states, and while much yet remains to be done, the records of the United States Department of Agriculture indicate that North Dakota turkey growers are receiving prices which average 6 cents per lb. closer to the New York and Chicago markets than was the case when we started.

### Co-operative Creameries

We have built approximately 50 Co-operative Creamery Associations since 1929. The records of the State Dairy Commissioner show that the average price paid to North Dakota farmers for butterfat in 1938 was 10c per lb. closer to the New York price for 92 score butter than it was in 1929; his records also show that the state average overrun taken by creameries in 1929 was 50 per cent, whereas in 1938 it had been reduced to 25 per cent.

We have a great many Livestock Shipping Associations affiliated with our Farmers' Union Livestock Commission Company of West Fargo and So. St. Paul. Our livestock house has suffered severely from the drought which caused a feed shortage and depleted herds. It has also suffered from interior packing plants, and direct buying. It may be that co-operative trucking associations are a partial answer to this problem. If so, we will find it, for we are building Co-operative Livestock Trucking Associations as rapidly as possible.

In North Dakota we have come to know that there is no farm problem as such. What we have historically designated as a farm problem, is only one part of a gigantic problem in national and international economics; and that the particular problems of farmers, in our mechanized civilization, are so interwoven with the problems of finance, capital, industry, business and labor that no part of this great problem may be permanently solved unless and until measurable success is attained in solving the total problem.

### TWELVE PER CENT INCREASE

The Superior Co-operative Wholesale (Wisconsin) in 1939 distributed about 12 per cent more goods to its member societies than in any previous year.

## Greatly Improved Statement of Pool Operations Given

### Pool Rallies Are Held at Rumsey and Big Valley—Officers Speak

Keen interest in the progress of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool and determination on the part of shippers to press forward to new advances were manifest at two important Pool meetings held this month, at Big Valley and Rumsey, when many aspects of Pool activities were discussed and the Management was able to report a much improved statement on operations.

Speakers at the both meetings included J. H. Crawford, Director, President George K. MacShane, Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager, and E. T. Reilly, Field Man. The attendance was largest at Big Valley, where there was an exceptionally good rally of the farm people of the district and Mrs. Mahaffie, delegate, gave a brief address. Wilfred Wyman was chairman at Big Valley, and F. M. B. Griffith, delegate for the sub-district, presided at Rumsey.

## Short Course Most Successful That Has Been Held in Calgary

"By far the most successful event of its kind ever held in Calgary," was Howard P. Wright's description of the second annual agricultural short course sponsored by the Calgary Board of Trade. Mr. Wright, whose own contribution, in behalf of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, was a most highly appreciated feature of the course, remarked that the attendance of some 550 farm people from points as far apart as Sylvan Lake and Burdett, and reaching up in one instance to Provost, was itself convincing evidence of the deep interest which is being taken in the application of science to farm practice.

### Quite Exceptional Feature

Referring to the address of Dr. A. E. Hardy, professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Wright said that this proved a quite exceptional feature of the course, Professor Hardy having very wide experience and intimate knowledge of the practical aspects of farm problems.

We hope in an early issue of *The Leader* to place at the disposal of our readers an outline of the plans for the improvement of the quality of commercial grain in Canada as presented by Mr. Wright.

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### PRIESTLEY REPORTS

Last Year's Dividends Distributed  
\$24,607—Total Since Start  
in 1932, \$104,840

More than four million gallons of petroleum products, an increase of 21.23 per cent as compared with 1938 and of 62.58 per cent as compared with 1937, formed the impressive total distribution of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative during the calendar year 1939. As compared with 1938 the increase was 138.58 per cent.

In binder twine the volume handled was over a million and two-thirds pounds, approximating seventy cars—an increase of 19.65 per cent as compared with 1938.

These among other striking figures were contained in the report of the co-operative, presented by the Chairman, Norman F. Priestley, at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in Edmonton this week.

The report was an extensive one, dealing in a thorough, clear and interesting way not only with the development of the co-operative in its various branches, but with the conditions prevailing in the oil industry and in other fields which the co-operative has entered.

#### Features of Year

Outstanding features of the year, as outlined in the report were: Consolidation of interests in petroleum products distribution; Enlargement of the field service; Undertaking of agreement, making possible Province-wide dealer organization under auspices of Co-operative for sale of complete line of goods manufactured or distributed by Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, Ltd. The report pointed out that with the addition of the lines of goods of this company, a complete range of stationary farm equipment, electrical appliances, auto and tractor parts, radios, paints, etc., of the highest quality at warehouses in Calgary and Edmonton, the co-operative is "now in a position to be able to supply almost anything which a farmer wants on his farm except field machinery, household shelf goods, furniture, clothing, etc."

Work of Central Office, and particularly that of the chairman of the Board, suffered serious interruption by frequent consultations about and research for, as well as appearance at, the sittings of the Royal Commission on conditions in the oil industry in Alberta. Evidence by Mr. Priestley and J. E. Brownlee, K.C., was given.

Dividends distributed for the financial year ended October 31st, 1939, totalled \$24,607.94, bringing the total since the Co-operative commenced business in 1932 to \$104,840.59. The consolidated financial statement shows revenues of \$61,519.84 for the last financial year and expenditures of \$24,675.73.

#### Has Sixth Place

The co-operative maintains sixth place among 56 wholesalers of petroleum products in Alberta and are pressing hard for fifth. "If the facts could be ascertained it is probable that the co-operative would rank third or fourth in volume of supply to farmer-customers," stated the report.

Pointing out that there are great risks attending the oil business, the report stated: "As a farmers' organization we are playing our part in building a marketing structure at a period when conditions are so variable as to cause concern and almost consternation on the part of interests much larger than ourselves. We have

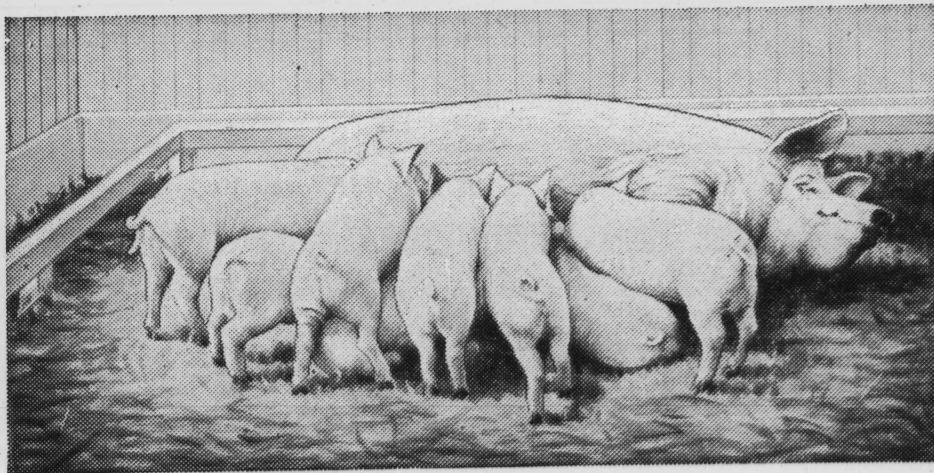
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# Current News from Near and Far

## DIARY OF TWO WARS

**Jan. 4th.**—Finns claim to have bombed bridge on Leningrad-Murmansk railway, and to have surrounded second Russian army division, east of Lake Kianta. Finnish planes scatter leaflets over Leningrad. British Government requisitions all shipping. School children who have returned to London to be again evacuated.

**Jan. 5th.**—British cabinet reorganized with Oliver Stanley replacing Hore-Belisha, aggressive war minister responsible for army democratization measures. Finns repulse Russian forces in north. Trade treaty signed between Russia and Bulgaria, the latter to send one-fifth of her food exports to Russia. Ciano and Caky, Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers, to meet in Venice to discuss anti-Russian Balkan bloc, it is reported.

**Jan. 6th.**—Storm rages in British press over dismissal of Hore-Belisha. Russians bomb Viipuri and Koivisto.

**Jan. 7th.**—The 2,888-ton *Townley*, British, mined, crew saved, bringing estimated number of ships of all nations lost to 292, with loss of life of at least 2,729. British liner *City of Marseilles* damaged by mine; British *Cedrington Court* sunk.

**Jan. 8th.**—Finns report victory over Russian 44th division, in Central Finland, and capture of supplies and munitions. Gunfight between British liner *Highland Patriot* and German submarine off Canary Islands December 29th, reported today. Patrols continue on Western Front, some minor engagements. Fears expressed in Britain that Hore-Belisha's dismissal means victory for "brass hats." Scandinavian papers "declare Sweden, Norway and Denmark will protect their neutrality by force. Nazi press warns Norway and Sweden against allowing supplies for Finland to cross their territories. Foreign Minister Caky returns to Hungary after talks with Italian Foreign Minister. Large increase in British output of aeroplanes reported.

**Jan. 9th.**—The oceans of the world have been swept clear of German shipping, while net losses of British shipping amount to less than one per cent, says Prime Minister Chamberlain.

in broadcast; warns that air and land struggle not yet begun; declares also that British aid to Finland will be "no mere formality." Finnish Prime Minister appeals for aid. New financial and commercial agreements signed by Turkey, France and Britain. Command of R.A.F. in France remains with air force, Cabinet decides. Communist deputies, some in uniform, forcedly ejected from French Chamber. Small Netherlands motorship blown up, crew saved.

**Jan. 10th.**—10,000-ton liner *Dunbar Castle*, British, mined; German aircraft attack 11 small vessels, *Oakgrove* and *Gowrie* sunk. Two small Danish vessels, previously reported sunk, being towed into port. British planes on reconnaissance flights engaged over Heligoland; Germans state three shot down. British Admiralty announce one British plane and one German down. Russians admit withdrawal from east central Finnish front. Germany hopes to secure nickel from Canadian-owned Finnish mines, state French observers.

**Jan. 11th.**—Nazi aeroplanes sighted over Firth of Forth, Hummer and Thames. Copenhagen despatch states over 100 Russian officers recalled from Finland to face enquiry. Finns report they hold 30-mile strip of frontier east of Lake Kianta for first time since November 30th. Completion near of British minefields along east coast. Russian and Rumanian shipments to Germany held up by dispute over rail transport, states Bucharest report. German merchants ordered to report grumbling over buying restrictions. Crew of British *Northwood* say 40 bombs aimed at her by German planes, without success. *Upminster* damaged.

**Jan. 12th.**—Three British vessels los, *Keynes* by bombing from the air and two others by mines; Italian *Traviata* also mined. Neutral correspondents in Berlin state if Russia fails obligations to Germany, normal Russian consumption will be sacrificed. Lack of transportation limits Russian troops in Karelian isthmus to 100,000, it is reported. Russians bomb Turku. Report from Amsterdam states Hitler has offered to mediate between Finland and Russia. Britain protests to U.S. that neutrality law discriminates.

nates against her in requiring cash for exports to belligerents but not to neutrals.

**Jan. 13th.**—German plane shot down near Scottish coast. R.A.F. planes fly over Germany as far as Austria and the former Czechoslovakia. British warships hunt two German naval vessels, said to be in South Atlantic. British examine Russian ship for contraband. Swedish paper states Germany has removed ban on Italian shipments to Finland. Bulgaria and Turkey issue statement of agreement on peace and neutrality. French arrest 21 alleged Communists. Exchange of artillery fire on Western front. Budapest correspondent says German drive through Switzerland and Hungary likely in spring. British fishing vessels bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes.

**Jan. 14th.**—German concentrations on Belgian and Dutch borders reported. British war office announces all leaves suspended. Belgium and Netherlands start removal of civilians from border districts and mobilize further troops. Russian planes bomb Swedish islands of Kallaks.

**Jan. 15th.**—Russia protests to Sweden and Norway against tone of Scandinavian press on Finnish war, states their replies to previous protests "not entirely satisfactory." Twenty Finnish towns bombed. Moscow radio denies Finnish claims of victories. Russian troops and munitions reported arriving in Petsamo district. Two British vessels lost, one of them mined; Greek steamer goes aground in flight from Nazi submarine. 8,000-ton Netherlands *Arendserk* sunk by Nazi submarine. German submarine, bombed by R.A.F. plane, believed sunk.

**Jan. 16th.**—Sweden and Norway protest Russian violation of their territories, state sympathies with Finland. British note to Pan-American neutrality committee declares Britain cannot respect 300-mile neutrality zone unless German warships do not enter it. German merchantmen entering it are interned and German vessels are prevented from using it as safety lane from one ocean to another. Three British submarines, failing to return to their base from a "perilous mission," given up. French navy announces serious damage to, or destruction of, Nazi submarine. German freighter *Janus* scuttled by crew to prevent capture. Statements of Chamberlain and Hore-Belisha in Parliament failed to explain ousting of the latter from post of War Minister.

**Jan. 17th.**—A million German troops are reported to be on borders of Netherlands and Belgium. Finns announce repulse of Russian attack in Karelian area, bombing of Finnish villages; severe cold adds to hardships. Russians driven across border at point ninety miles north of Lake Ladoga. Germany exchanging arms (which may be used against Russia) for Rumanian oil. London newspaper reports discovery of plot to wreck British rail system.

The U.S. has granted credits of \$10,000,000 to Norway.

The Provincial Seed Fair is being held in Edmonton this week.

The next session of the Alberta Legislature will open February 15th.

Afghanistan is to have conscription, with new taxes for armaments.

The blackout in England has almost doubled the number killed in traffic accidents.

Ninety-two miners were killed in a coal mine explosion in West Virginia last Wednesday.

Britain has contracted for Canada's entire exportable surplus of aluminum, lead and copper.

German sources in the U.S. are financing activities of the I.R.A., states a Dublin correspondent.

The U.S. has notified the League of Nations that it is ready to assist Finland.

The Japanese plan shortly to set up a central Chinese government under Wang Ching-Wei.

In the course of a trip of inspection of air training sites, officers of the R.A.F. visited Calgary this week.

Japanese are attempting to destroy the railway line connecting China with French Indo-China. Chinese report small gains north-east of Nanning.

There were 26 per cent fewer Canadians, urban and rural, on relief last November than in November 1938, said Hon. J. L. McLarty on Saturday.

About one hundred men from the ranks have been sent back from the B.E.F. in France to be trained as officers, and another hundred are to go shortly.

He had refused several invitations to accept nominations for the Provincial Legislature, said Robert Gardiner, president of the U.F.A., in an interview last week.

Paul F. Bredt is president of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers this year, with J. H. Wesson and Lew Hutchinson the other members of the executive.

Unless Japan gives effective guarantees that American interests in China will receive equal treatment with Japanese, the U.S. will not renew her expiring trade agreement, even temporarily.

A small number of refugee children were admitted to Canada last year, said the first annual report of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees. Some 9,400 German, Austrian, Polish and Czechoslovak refugee children are at present in England.

Farm debts owing to the C.P.R. have been slashed by \$14,000,000 since 1931, said S. G. Porter, head of the natural resources branch of the company. Of this, over \$10,000,000 had been made in Alberta, and only 2-1/2 per cent through the F.C. A.A.

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The approaching termination of the U.S. trade agreement with little prospect of renewal, was an important factor in the resignation of the Abe government in Japan, after four and a half months in office. Admiral Yonai succeeds him, with Hachiro Arita, who has twice before held that office, as foreign minister.

Complete eradication of all Jews, seizure of power plants, and all transportation and communication systems, were among the objects of a "Christian Front" organization of Nazi type, operating as a sports club in New York. Eighteen members have been arrested by "Hoover's" "G-Men" and rifles, ammunition and bombs seized.

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## E. S. McRory Retires From Service of United Grain Growers Limited

After 23 years of service, E. S. McRory has resigned his position as Manager of the Western Division of United Grain Growers, Limited. He entered the service of the old Alberta Co-operative Elevator Company as Assistant to C. Rice Jones, its General

had occupied for so many years called for, under present day conditions. He stated that the Board of Directors of the Company had named Geo. E. Edworthy as successor and felt confident that the business of the Company in this Province would continue to be

### Retires



E. S. MC RORY

### New Manager



GEO. E. EDWORTHY

Manager. Shortly afterwards this company through amalgamation became part of United Grain Growers, Limited, and when Mr. Rice Jones removed to Winnipeg to act as General Manager of that Company, Mr. McRory was appointed Manager of the Western Division of the Company and carried that responsibility up to the time of his retirement.

In an interview, R. S. Law, President of the Company, expressed regret that, for reasons of ill health, Mr. McRory had found it necessary to retire, but felt that he had made a wise decision in view of the heavy responsibilities which the position he

efficiently handled under his supervision.

He stated that Mr. Edworthy had entered the Company's employ in 1917 and was made Assistant Manager of the Division in 1930. Having worked through the various departments of the Company in Calgary Mr. Edworthy has a background of experience which makes him well fitted to assume his new responsibilities, said Mr. Law; he is well known to the Company's shareholders and customers and his understanding of farmers and their production problems is very complete.

to the same license fee as for a farm truck. The license fee charged you was therefore legally charged.

#### Old Age Pension

G.W.F.—To obtain Old Age Pension a person must be a British subject and have resided in Canada twenty years. You will have to take out naturalization papers. To do this see the Clerk of the Court of your Judicial District, probably Medicine Hat. You will also have to show that you do not receive an income of more than \$365.00 per year.

#### No Right to Kill Dog

A.J.—Under the circumstances set out in your letter, I do not think the party in question had any right to kill the dog. If it can be clearly proved that he killed the dog he is liable to prosecution or an action for damage.

### The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

### Answers to Enquiries

#### Expiry of Lease

N.A.P.—If the lease is a proper one and expires next month, the tenant must give up possession at that time unless he obtains a renewal from you. You need not give any legal notice although it would be wise to let him know definitely (preferably by letter) that you do not intend to renew the lease. If he does not vacate you can commence proceedings for re-possession.

#### Tractor License

T.P.B.—The Highways Traffic Board passed a regulation last year putting a tractor used for hauling farm produce on the highways in the same category as a truck and subject

New and reorganized U.F.A. Locals reported following a recent organization tour of Wm. Runte of the Central Board, include the following:

Lyncoot, near Stettler, with Lee Fisher secretary.  
Wild Rose, in the Stettler District, with Earl Howard acting secretary.  
Warden, with C. Ness acting secretary.

Kindergarten, in the Stettler district, with Earl Cruikshank acting secretary.  
Kelsey, with Wm. Mossman acting secretary.  
Wide Awake, near Ohaton, with A. Luger secretary. Fourteen members paid dues.

Green Grove, in the Ohaton district, with Miss Viola Kellner secretary and R. C. Reinhardt president.

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This live wire program will feature the latest popular American and French song hits, with orchestra under the direction of Andre Durieux; Lucien Delval, Jose Delaquerriere, Vocalists; and Les Boulevardiers, Male Quartet. Here is a program that we know you will enjoy, and will give you a chance to keep right up to the minute in all the latest music. So be listening, friends, Fridays, at 7:30.

We feel that all you ardent lady listeners now know of the time change of "Big Sister" and "Dr. Susan," but just in case you have missed, we are more than pleased to present that nationally known program "Big Sister" at 9:30 in the morning, instead of at 12:00 o'clock as formerly, and we give you "The Life and Love of Dr. Susan" at 9:45 a.m., instead of 12:15 at which time it previously ran. We have also another bit of interesting information to give you this week about the fact that "Dr. Susan" now originates in Canada, which we feel is another step forward for Canadian Radio.



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## Lack of Adequate Farmer Organization Main Factor in Farm Distress

**"Until Farmers Are Ready to Stick Together in One Organization They Will Face Almost Insurmountable Difficulties," Farm Women's President Tells Convention**

EDMONTON, Jan. 16th.—"Unorganized majorities are today at the mercy of well organized minorities. Until our farmers are ready to stick together in one organization, making their demands for the things they should have, they will face almost insurmountable difficulties," declared Mrs. Malloy Berger, President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, in her address to the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. here today.

Mrs. Berger reviewed the world situation, discussed the role which Canadian agriculture is called upon to fill in this time of unexampled crisis; and stressed the vital need for the preservation of the agricultural industry if there is to be health in the Canadian economy. "If there is one thing contributing to financial distress of the agricultural population more than any other," she said. "It is the lack of organization among the agrarian population."

Setting forth the objectives which she believed all Canadians should keep in view during the troubled days that lie ahead, she stated:

"If we are to keep faith with those who are fighting for the retention of our liberty . . . then our main purpose should be, first to lend our support in the prosecution of this war in every way possible; second to change conditions in our own land to ensure the people the standard of living to which they are justly entitled; and third, to be prepared to make peace on a basis which will prove more permanent and lasting than that which followed the last war."

Alluding to the celebration during Convention Week of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of the United Farm Women's organization, she paid a high tribute to "the pioneer women in this movement who had a vision and an ideal for which they worked tirelessly and unceasingly. "The work they did," she said, "accom-

plished under even greater handicaps than those of today, should prove an inspiration to us. It should arouse us from our apathy and indifference, for they too labored when the forces of destruction were raging about them."

### Junior Organization Most Important

Referring to the work of the Junior U.F.A., which she described as "the most important branch of our organization," Mrs. Berger spoke in terms of high praise of the services given the farm young people during a period of years by Miss Margaret Archibald, the former President. "The Juniors," she said, "have been very fortunate in their choice of a successor in the person of Mr. George Thring, of Coronation, who is a young farmer of no mean promise, and who is sincerely interested in the welfare, not only of farm young people, but of young Canadians generally."

### Building Anew

The past year, said Mrs. Berger, had marked to the U.F.A. as an organization "an endeavor to rebuild anew upon the foundations laid over a quarter of a century ago. To us, as a nation, it has brought again the tragedy of war with all its suffering and horror, but it has also brought to us as a nation an opportunity to labor for the retention of our liberty and rights as individuals, and to assist in bringing about a better state of affairs the world over. . . . We are determined that we shall

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turn.  
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With work's everlasting arrears  
We wear out our brawn and our  
muscle  
And shorten our years.

And brooding o'er store-bills and  
taxes,  
And problems of coats, shirts and  
shoes,  
The brain far too seldom relaxes  
On themes that inspire or amuse.  
Our past seems a sad sort of jumble  
Of errors we shouldn't have made,  
The present a maze where we stumble  
A trifle dismayed.

But what of these women whose lot  
was  
The very same lot as is ours,  
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thought was  
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They flee now from death and  
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Our ills beside ills so much vaster  
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leave no stone unturned in order that we can stamp out those forces which take from the peoples of the earth their right to those liberties which make life worthwhile."

"We must realize," she said, "that relations between all of the nations of the earth are such that all people are given an opportunity to earn a livelihood, for themselves and their dependents commensurate with their ability to produce goods and services. The fact that thinking people everywhere are asking themselves the question, 'After the war, what?' is encouraging. . . .

"The job of making democracy work more largely in the interests of the people is ours. Democracy cannot be made to function properly without the closest co-operation of each and every individual."

### No Real Overproduction

Contrasting the old days when in spite of all handicaps a farmer with a good piece of land could provide enough to go round for himself and his family and "no one was worried about over-production," Mrs. Berger said, "There is no over-production . . . there is want and poverty and doing without on every hand, and the problem cannot be solved by cutting down and restricting the use of what we produce. It can only be solved by producing more and making it more readily available to those who require it for their well-being. . . . Freedom and prosperity must go hand in hand. . . . Rich as we are in natural resources we cannot continue along the path of scarcity and poverty if we are to be a free nation. . . . When scarcity grips a nation, its people become bewildered and lose their capacity to think in sane terms."

"For the past few years in particular we have gone on the assumption that prosperity for the farmer would come from higher prices for a smaller volume of production. We have cut down the production of the factory and industrial plants. . . . The policy we have pursued has resulted in thousands of our people being ill-fed, ill-clothed, and ill-housed. So we produce less and less of their require-

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ments. To me the whole thing is too foolish to be tolerated a great deal longer, and it would not be if we could shake both farmer and laborer from his apathy and indifference and his feeling of defeatism. . . .

### War Stimulus Won't Solve Problems

"Nothing can be more disastrous to the life of this nation than the idea that the temporary prosperity which the prosecution of the war will bring to Canadian people will solve our problems. Surely, we want to be prepared to put those who come back from the war into useful occupations where they may be happy and carefree. . . . Our idle resources and

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our idle people must be brought together, thereby creating a new frontier—not a geographical one."

Mrs. Berger expressed the hope that "a speculative spree such as accompanied the last war can be avoided, and that the farmers will not be encouraged to inflate their production on a get-rich-quick basis. Deflation inevitably follows, with disastrous results to those who participate in the game."

#### Unity Imperative

Speaking of the need for farm unity Mrs. Berger said: "The very fact that farmers all over the West did not know exactly what they wanted when an effort was being made to get a pegged price for wheat giving something near costs of production, and were not prepared to present a united front, was largely responsible for the Government's action in pegging the price at a level which did not assure the farmer of a return commensurate with what he had spent in the production of his wheat."

It did not require a great deal of intelligence to see that the farmer should have the chance to sell his produce through a central selling agency which would return to him the price which the produce brings on the open market, Mrs. Berger stated.

#### Eggs at 10c Per Dozen

To cite another instance. Only recently I took to town forty-two dozen eggs, and received the huge sum of ten cents per dozen. Ten cents per dozen in the winter time, when feeding large supplies of wheat, oats, barley, as well as expensive supplements, (which have increased materially in price since the beginning of the war). Yet people in the cities are paying all the way from 25 to 34 cents per dozen for these same eggs. Whose business is that, and whose fault is that? As long as we do nothing about it, prices of what we buy will rise to higher and higher levels, in spite of the fact that what we sell will either remain stationary or commence a downward trend.

"Farmers should learn that fundamental fact, that the solution lies not in bringing down prices to a point wherein there is no profit for the factory and industrial worker, but we should rather concentrate on a parity of prices, striving to bring the price levels up to the point wherein there is a profit in producing, and being commensurate with the prices he has to pay for what he buys."

A successful dance in aid of the Red Cross, sponsored by Craigmyle U.F.W.A., netted \$29, writes Mrs. H. Davis, secretary.

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**Spaghetti Creole:** Cook 2 cups spaghetti in boiling, salted water, and drain. Cook 1 small onion, finely chopped, and 1 cup chopped celery in 3 tablespoons butter or other fat; add 3 tablespoons flour and cook until flour is browned. Add 2 cups tomato juice and stir until sauce thickens; add 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper to taste; pour over spaghetti and sprinkle with 1 cup grated cheese. Set in hot oven until cheese is melted.

**Apple Sherbet:** Boil 1 quart of apples in 1 pint of water until tender; mash through a sieve, add the juice of 1 orange and 1 lemon, 1 cup sugar and 1 quart water; beat well and freeze. When it becomes like slush, add the well beaten white of 1 egg and finish freezing.

**Liver Sausage:** Boil until tender 4 lbs. fat pork and 2 lbs. lean pork. Cut 4 lbs. pig liver into slices, and soak for half an hour in salted water. Drain well, and run through meat chopper, using finest knives. Beat well. Grind the cooked pork, a little more coarsely, mixing well, and add a quarter pound minced onion, 6 tablespoons salt, 1 tablespoon each pepper, marjoram, ginger and nutmeg, and 2 tablespoons sugar. Add enough of the stock in which pork was boiled to make a stiff paste. Stuff into pork casings, and simmer gently for 45 minutes. Cool in cold water if possible, turning the sausages several times to prevent the fat from settling on one side. Hang in smoke three days or brush with smoke preparation.

**Peanut Cookies:** Cream 1/3 cup butter with 1 cup sugar, add beaten yolk of 1 egg and 2 cups flour sifted with 2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add 1 cup chopped peanuts, then beaten white of 1 egg and 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Drop in teaspoonfuls on greased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven.

#### Many Farm Women's Locals Name Officers

Loyalty U.F.W.A. (Huxley) elected Mrs. Wm. Hopkins president and Mrs. D. F. Felch secretary.

Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. Parker and Mrs. Wm. Burns are the officers of Three Hills U.F.W.A. for 1940.

Mrs. Marie Krimbell is president and Mrs. Frank Redmond secretary of Sunnyvale U.F.W.A. (Edgerton) for 1940.

Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. at their annual meeting re-elected all their offices, writes Mrs. L. E. Elofson, secretary.

Mrs. W. Mannen is the new president of Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock) with Mrs. A. Lyons vice-president and Mrs. J. Hammond secretary.

Officers of Balzac U.F.W.A. for the current year are Mrs. Tommy Parrish, Mrs. Charlie Church and Mrs. Joe Davy.

Mrs. J. E. Brockelsby, Mrs. Peggy Williamson and Mrs. Albert Johnson are officers of Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia).

Elections at the annual meeting of Rosyth U.F.W.A. resulted in the choice of Mrs. H. E. Chew, Mrs. Larsen, and Mrs. P. Powell as officers.

Dalemead U.F.W.A. has had a good year, financially as well as socially, reports Mrs. W. C. Winters, secretary. Mrs. C. Coonfer is president and Mrs. C. Colwell vice-president.

The January meeting of Hillside U.F.W.A. took the form of an enjoyable turkey dinner, served at the home of Mrs. Leslie Swartz. Last year's officers—Mrs. H. Marr, Mrs. W. Ross and Mrs. T. H. Howes—have been re-elected.

#### Junior News Items

Dick Boulter, Elmer Young and Jean E. Saunders are the new officers of Spruceville Juniors (Lacombe).

Lakewoods Junior Local, recently organized, are holding an ice carnival at Burnt Lake on January 20th, writes Dorothy Gillette.

Wabash Junior Local near Westlock has been organized by Miss Olga Antonson, with Allan Guest as secretary.

Balzac Juniors, who closed the year with over \$100 in their treasury, elected Lois Church president and Mary Kibblewhite secretary.

Miss Olga Antonson and K. G. Thring, Junior President, recently organized a new Junior U.F.A. Local at Picardville, with Robert McLaughlin and Dorothy Watson officers.

(A report of the address of K. George Thring, Junior President, to the U.F.A. Annual Convention, will be given in our next issue.)

Actor: "My audiences invariably sit glued to their seats."

Drama critic: "What a quaint way of keeping them there."

Was McTavish's new friend attractive?"

"He said she was so attractive that when he took her home in a cab the other night he could hardly keep his eyes on the meter."

Five members of a Danzig family were sentenced to prison for two and a half years for listening to foreign broadcasts and telling their neighbors about them.

#### OVER A MILLION GALLONS

(Continued from page 7)

succeeded until now in avoiding any serious pitfalls, but are all too conscious of the possibilities of making mistakes of a serious nature. Under our contract with Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., we are receiving just and fair treatment. We are marketing an increasing quantity of first-class goods. We are giving a service to farmers equal to that given by any corporation. We have returned dividends to an extent never known before in the history of this Province. This has been accomplished in a period of declining price levels."

#### Comparative Tank Wagon Prices

Appended was the following comparison of Calgary tank wagon prices upon which the Alberta price structure is based as between August 1st, 1935, and December 31st, 1939:

	Aug.	Dec.
Standard Gasoline, (Maple Leaf)	22.5c	16c
Tractor Gasoline (Altgas)	16.5c	12.5c
Heavy Distillate	17.5c	11c
		6 1/2c lower

In 1935 the spread between Standard and third structure gasoline was 6 1/2 cents. The spread now is only 3 1/2 cents and standard gasoline now sells for approximately the same price as third grade in 1935.

#### War and Binder Twine Prospects

Dealing with binder twine the report indicated that owing to the war "the outlook for purchase of British or Holland twine for 1940 is none too assuring at the moment. The United Grain Growers, notwithstanding these disturbing conditions, being the largest buyers of binder twine in Canada, are able to assure us of supply for the crop of 1940." The association with the U.G.G. in the distribution of twine, it is stated, "has been very satisfactory. Utilizing the services of their local grain buyer at most of their 238 elevator points in the Province and those of Alberta Wheat Pool at some few others, U.F.A. members requiring twine have pooled orders and bought in less than carlot quantities at carlot wholesale price."



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The report dealt with sales made in the other lines handled—fence posts, coal, fertilizer, feeds, seed treatments, poisons and B.C. fruit.

The report was signed by Mr. Priestley and the other members of the committee as follows: Mr. Priestley, J. K. Sutherland, George Church, Chas. A. Fawcett, and N. D. Stewart.

"Consumers' co-operation will not by any means solve all our problems, but it will be a splendid start in the right direction," President Gardiner stated in commenting on the progress which has been made in that field. "May the coming year witness increased efforts in the development of our co-operative activities."

Mr. Gardiner expressed high appreciation of the services rendered during the past year by Mr. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A. and chairman of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, and by Miss Eileen Birch, secretary-treasurer of the association, and members of the staff.

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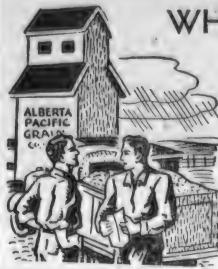
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CJCJ's engineering staff were more than pleased with the success of their DX program for the month of December. When a checkover was made letters were posted on the bulletin board from several of the American States including California, Oregon, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, and New York. All DX programs are aired for the purpose of giving the various amateur radio operators who dub themselves "Hams" an opportunity to find out how many different stations they can locate on the radio band. Each station selects a night and carries a broadcast into the wee sma' hours, constantly giving the station call and general identification for the amateur operators to catch on their sets and send in a detailed report that will verify their reception.

The Old-Time Frolic on Tuesday nights has brought a change in program plans for the station. With the entire time of the broadcast sold out—plans are now underway to start the program at 8:30 instead of 8:45 and carry it beyond the 11 o'clock mark if it is necessary, to cater to all those who want to share in the general hilarity of the evening. One of the new features that causes a lot of fun for the studio audience, and the listeners, is a soda cracker eating contest, with the first one to whistle getting the prize. While it's an old trick, it's responsible for many a laugh as younger personalities, soldiers, the older people—everyone, takes a turn at trying to do it a little quicker than anyone else.

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**World Wheat Situation**

The sale last week of 20 million bushels of Canadian wheat and 61 million bushels of Australian to the United Kingdom had a definitely "bearing" effect on the market, as it meant that country, which is the largest importer of wheat, would be supplied for several months to come. The Winnipeg market, however, is holding fairly steady.

Australian wheat is estimated by Broomhall to have cost the British government 80c to 85c a bushel delivered plus war risk insurance. Subtracting this 61 million bushel sale from the surplus of 146 million leaves an unsold balance of perhaps 85 million for the next 11-1/2 months. There has been some talk that farmers may be inclined to reduce wheat acreage. This season 13,500,000 acres were seeded to wheat, which is not much, as in 1930 18,200,000 acres were seeded. The average is about 13 million acres for the past eight years.

**Less Wheat in Argentina**

In Argentina the rains have stopped and it is generally clear with threshing active. Wheat production in Argentina and Uruguay combined totals 158,037,000 compared to 351,461,000 in 1939. This is a reduction of 193 million bushels. However, there is a substantial carryover of old wheat in the Argentine held by the Grain Board, amounting to about 73 million bushels.

Stocks of wheat on farms in the United States on January 1st were 239 million, or 22 million above the ten year average. Total farm stocks and visible supply stocks combined are 371 million, compared to 406 million a year ago. With the wheat and flour subsidies removed, America is not expected to make any further sales abroad over and above the 25 million bushels already exported. The 1939 crop amounted to 754,971,000 bushels plus the carryover of 254 million, making an aggregate of 1,008,971,000, or about 330,000,000 over normal requirements. It is reckoned that 200 million must be held over each season as an emergency stock, so that there was an exportable surplus over and above all requirements of some 130 million, of which only 25 million have been shipped.

**Waterways Scheme**

Whether or not the St. Lawrence deep waterway will be completed in the near future providing an uninterrupted seaway from the head of the Great Lakes to tidewater is still uncertain. Representatives of the Quebec and Ontario Government are expected here shortly to discuss the question before Dominion Government officials go to Washington to continue negotiations. It has been practically impossible for observers here to get any clear idea of how far these negotiations have really progressed. It is understood that practical agreement has been reached for the creation of a joint commission to study and make plans for the project, but after that, when the plans are completed, they would have to be studied by the two governments and the approval of Congress and Parliament secured. It does not seem probable that Parliament will be called upon for a decision during this session. Congress will have to take the first step in this direction, and as was shown when the 1932 treaty was signed, there is a pretty strong feeling in the United States Senate opposed to the enterprise.

**Membership Increases by Two Thousand**

While at the end of December the paid-up membership in the U.F.A. totalled 8,434, arrears of dues received since that time are expected to bring the total to about 9,000—an increase of some 2,000 over the membership for the previous year, reports presented to the Annual Convention indicate. The financial statement shows an increase of \$1,796.31 in income, giving a surplus of \$20.19 over expenditures. Two years ago there was a deficit of \$1,700, a year ago a surplus of \$16.83. Services, Mr. Gardiner pointed out, are dependent upon the income from membership, and their curtailment or expansion depends upon the measure of support given to the organization by farmers who join the Association and pay the small annual dues of \$1.

**Dairy Market**

Final stock figures as at January 1st have been released and show Canadian stock on hand to be 41,680,000 pounds as compared with 44,616,000 at the same time last year. Due to this report there has been no particular interest on the butter market although production on the whole in Canada shows a slight increase of 4.7 per cent. Local first grade prints have dropped to 28c while butterfat remains unchanged at 25c. Montreal is quoted at 27-1/2, Toronto 27-1/2, Winnipeg 25-3/4 and Vancouver 27-1/4.

**Livestock Markets Review**

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 16th.**—The cattle market is mostly steady with good butcher steers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$5 to \$5.75; good light heifers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium and heavies \$4.75 to \$5.75; good to choice fed calves \$6.50 to \$7; medium to good cows \$4 to \$4.50; canners and cutters \$2 to \$3.25; good heavy bulls \$4.50 to \$4.75. Good veal calves are \$7 to \$8 with odd choice lighweights \$8.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$6.50. Feeder steers are \$5 to \$5.75. Hogs are \$8.85 for selects, \$8.35 for bacon and \$7.35 for butchers, off trucks.

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 16th.**—Trading is active on the cattle market with good to choice fed calves \$6.50 to \$7. Good to choice steers are \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5.75; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6.25, odd tops \$6.50, common to medium \$3.75 to \$5.25; good to choice cows \$4.25 to \$4.75; canners and cutters \$2.75 down; bulls \$3 to \$4.50. Better class of stocker steers are selling from \$5 to \$5.25, heifers \$4.75 down; stock cows \$3.50 down. Good to choice lightweight vealers are \$8 to \$9. Hogs are slightly lower with selects \$8.85, bacon \$8.35, and butchers \$7.35 off trucks.

J. K. Sutherland and R. M. McCool assisted in reorganization of Holden and Riley U.F.A. Locals. Holden has an initial membership of 32; G. Houston is president and James Foran secretary. C. Bugge and Frank Gray are officers of Riley Local, with a membership of 20.

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## RESENT IGNORING HOG PRODUCERS RE BRITISH BUYING

**Co-operative Council Also Protests  
Ignoring of Producers in  
Creating Boards**

### PLAN CHANGED SET-UP

**To Enable Farm Bodies Not  
Specializing in Co-operative  
Work to Join**

Meeting in Red Deer last week, the Alberta Co-operative Council protested the action of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture "in ignoring the hog producers in the negotiations recently completed with the purchasing board of the United Kingdom." Copies of the resolution were sent to the Minister, the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, and to the United Farmers of Alberta, prior to the opening of the Convention in Edmonton.

The meeting also protested the action of the Dominion Government "in ignoring the producers when appointing control boards to deal with farm commodities," and demanded "that this condition be rectified in the case of present boards and that in making future appointments at least one representative of organized farmers be selected who shall be responsible for the producers of the commodity concerned."

Change of name of the Council to emphasize the fact that it is primarily a federation of farmer organizations, and amendment of the constitution to provide for the admission to membership of other farmer bodies than those which are specifically formed for co-operative activities, was recommended. The Board of the Council was authorized to present a plan for the carrying out of the proposed changes at the next annual meeting of the Council.

At the same time a delegate suggested the change of the name of the national farm organization of Canada, from "The Canadian Chamber of Agriculture" to "The Federated Farmers of Canada."

#### To Consolidate Farm Opinion

The meeting in Red Deer was called to consider plans for the consolidation

of farm opinion, in order that it may be brought to bear directly on agricultural problems created by war conditions, and upon those bound to arise in the post-war period. C. Jensen, chairman of the Board of Directors, presided, with W. C. McKenzie as assistant chairman. There was a large attendance of delegates and visitors representing Alberta farm organizations.

Norman F. Priestley reported on action taken at Brandon in reorganizing the various farmer organizations of that Province into the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, and George G. Coote, secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, gave an outline of the financial set-up of that body.

#### Delegates and Visitors

Delegates present were: George Bennett, Mannville—Alberta Wheat Pool. R. E. Chown, Bentley, Blindman Valley Co-operative Marketing Association. G. G. Coote, Nanton, Alberta Wheat Pool. E. Esperson, Olds, Mountain View Co-operative Livestock Association. R. Clarke Fraser, Penhold, Innisfail District Co-operative Association. A. B. Haarstad, Bentley, Central Alberta Livestock Feeders' Association. William Halsall, Killam, Killam District Co-operative Association.

Lew Hutchinson, Calgary, Alberta Wheat Pool. F. S. James, Ponoka, Ponoka Co-operative Livestock Marketing Association. C. Jensen, Magrath, Alberta Wheat Pool. E. H. Keith, Sexsmith, Alberta Wheat Pool. M. B. Latam, Innisfail, Mountain View Co-operative Livestock Association. George MacLachlan, Clyde, Pembina U.F.A. Co-operative Association.

W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge, Southern Alberta Co-operative Association. B. R. McMullin, Barnwell, Lethbridge Central Feeders' Association. Ben S. Plumer, Bassano, Alberta Wheat Pool. J. H. Rhodes, Brant, Brant Accredited Flocks Association. Fred Smith, Lacombe, Blindman Valley Co-operative Marketing Association. H. L. Taggart, Olds, Central Alberta Livestock Feeders' Association.

George E. Church, Balzac, U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association. John Fairweather, Calgary, Calgary District Milk Producers' Association. N. F. Priestley, Calgary, U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association. J. K. Sutherland, Hanna, U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association.

#### Visitors included:

R. S. Law, Calgary, President, United Grain Growers, Limited. Geo.

## More Descriptive Is New Name Taken by Line Elevators Ass'n

**President in Interview States  
Position on Wheat Board  
and Open Market**

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17th.—"North-West Line Elevators Association" is the new name which has been adopted by the former "North-West Grain Dealers' Association." The new name, stated G. W. P. Heffelfinger, President, "is more accurately descriptive of the organization than the former one, which had been adopted in the pioneer days of grain-growing and trading in Western Canada. Membership in the Association is limited to country elevator organizations whose function is the handling of grain." Companies represented in the association operate 3,471 line country elevators and terminal elevators with an aggregate capacity of 83,000,000 bushels.

#### Re Marketing Policy

"While advocating the continuance of the Canadian Wheat Board and the guaranteed minimum price for wheat," adds Mr. Heffelfinger, "the Association has also always recognized that the open market renders an essential and useful service to agriculture. So long as it continues to do so, the line

K. MacShane, Bowden, Central Alberta Dairy Pool. Ronald Pye, Penhold. R. A. Van Slyke, Red Deer, Central Alberta Livestock Feeders' Association. G. A. Wright, Bentley, Blindman Valley Co-operative Marketing Association.

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elevators will always advocate its continuance and will make use of the open market in the same manner as pools and other marketing agencies. If any sound marketing method is evolved which can serve the producers better than does the open market or the Board, then the line elevators will be the first to adopt the improved grain marketing system."

The Association has in the past, the President pointed out, supported many efforts to aid the farm industry.

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The above chart shows precipitation in the Prairie Provinces from August 1 to October 31, 1939, compared with normal for the same period, as charted by the Pioneer Grain Company Limited. A survey released at the same time pointed out that precipitation during this period does not necessarily indicate the amount of moisture available in the soil at freeze-up, as one-third of all field crops is sown on land summerfallowed in

the previous year. Summer-fallow land stores up moisture over a period of 20 to 21 months and many observers say that conservation last summer was excellent particularly during June. Fall precipitation, however, does have a direct bearing on moisture reserves in stubble land. In the above chart the area with less than 50 per cent of normal fall precipitation is shaded black.

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## SPORT

Last Saturday night at Toronto a new hockey record was set when Rangers won their 19th consecutive game, while the following night Chicago did a little work in the record-business themselves by defeating New York 2-1, and thereby leaving the all-time high at 19 straight. Ranger goalie, Davie Kerr, is being highly praised for his brilliant performances—even manager Lester Patrick handed the little puck-stopper a few pretty bouquets. These battling bruisers from Manhattan share N.H.L. honors at present with Boston, while Detroit and the Amerks find consolation in the fact that they have each other in the League basement.

Calgary and Turner Valley are tied for honors in the Alberta Senior Hockey League, but it must be pointed out that the Stampeders have played more games than the Oilers and that even now the margin is very close, so that the Gas Boys are definitely setting the pace at the moment. With a slight twinge of compassion we mention that Olds is still keeping careful watch over cellar position.

### GARLAND HONORED

A large gathering of people from Calgary and Southern Alberta districts attended the reception arranged by the Calgary C.C.F. constituency council in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Garland who are leaving Canada shortly to live in Ireland. A. J. E. Liesemer presided and presented the guests of honor with a Gissing painting of a Western mountain scene; he, and E. E. Roper, of Edmonton, who also spoke briefly, referred to the long and distinguished service rendered by Mr. Garland to the common people of Alberta and of Canada. In a short speech of thanks, Mr. Garland spoke feelingly of the regret which Mrs. Garland and himself felt in leaving Canada, and in characteristic brilliant and poetic fashion described natural beauties of the country and aspects of Canadian life.

A group of hockey hang-overs—for that's about what they may be called even though they can still handle a mean puck—have formed an intermediate club in Calgary. Names mentioned in connection with this team are: Sam Timmins, Gordon McFarlane, Dutch Gainor, Chas Jacobs, Willie Morrison, Banny Bannister, Roy Bromley, Les Moss, Peter Paul and Ernie Ramsay. Sort of sounds like a hockey reminiscence meeting.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY  
Hello, Folks!

For weeks the Nazi broadcasting station at Berlin has been naming Hore-Belisha as the "first dictator of England." We wonder what post they will suggest for him now?

Strange as it may seem, most folks use up a lot of electric light in order to burn the candle at both ends.

### THIS IS CRUDE

Here's hoping that after the recent investigation, the term "oil" will mean less turmoil in Alberta.

We dunno what you think, but after listening to the New Year's celebrations from coast to coast, what struck us as something or other was the large number of orchestras that played "I Didn't Know What Time It Was."

### OH, DOROTHY

Dorothy Lamour, radio star, announced the other day that she is "crazy" about her new song "Palms of Paradise." Having heard it, we are not surprised.

But, of course, this is not the reason why the announcer always refers to Miss Lamour as "Dotty."

And a gal named Hopper, who press agents for the Hollywood fraternity, states that Miss Lamour is not afraid that having her tonsils out will injure her voice. Nope, but it may improve it considerably.

According to "Truth," London, we are to have "scented films next." We're not surprised. Plenty of 'em already smell.

The film "All Quiet on the Western Front" has been banned by the multiplicity of Canadian censors. They must have a poor opinion of the mentality of their fellow Canadians if they think German fiction will halt recruiting.

Inasmuch as "All Quiet on the Western Front" has been on the shelves of the public libraries for years and enjoyed by thousands, the aforesaid censors had better do something about it quickly. It would be just too bad if a copy of it got back to Germany where it is BANNED BY THE NAZIS.

Incidentally, what becomes of the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King's recent assertion that most censorship is tommyrot?

L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, thinks that this year ought to be a good year for brush salesmen in Scandinavia. You see, she says, naively, the Finns are doing so much mopping up these days.

### FIGURE THIS OUT

"One forgot the crochety construction of these trees on two occasions each SUMMER—when they produced their wealth of bloom in the SPRING, and when the fruit was ripe in the early AUTUMN." — Dean Howes in "With a Glance Backward."

Postcard from L.T.M., Lethbridge, laments that this column has not written any serious poetry lately. Sorry, L.T.M., but things are so tough we haven't been able to take out our poet's license this year. (Thank goodness! — Ed.)

And maybe, intimates the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest, if we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd stop talking about ourselves.

### WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"Symphony is what you show people when you are sorry for them."

Fern of Fernie says her latest B.F. is like a gramophone record. Yep, he's so two-faced.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, that a fan dancer knows all about the see-me side of life.

### TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

Many a girl who possesses a good shape shows bad form.

Ah, yes, sighed our office cynic, as he struck a match, I have come to the conclusion that the only safe place to store gasoline is in a cigarette lighter.

News item says that the British blockade is having such an effect on Germany that they're being forced to use a heck of a lot of synthetic articles. But we understand that there is no truth in the report that next summer the gals will have to use a coat of tan as a substitute for the usual bathing suit.

Oh, hum, in a few short weeks the farmer will be plowing his land, but by the look of things, it'll be the politicians who will be digging up the dirt.

### THIS IS TERRIBLE

Cynical Gus dropped in to tell us that money was so tight at Christmas that he didn't get a chance to be.

A woman columnist in the Vancouver Sun wonders why bachelors remain unmarried. Sh! Sh! lady, the secret's too valuable to give away in Leap Year.

### ALBERTA LIMERICKS

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Now Marvella Martella of Fawcett,  
What fashion decreed she'd in-  
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By slim figures and neat,  
For she cannot dispense with a  
cawcett.

Sorry, we shall have to pass up the Convention this year, but really, folks, it's such a long walk to Edmonton.

We understand that the Scottish poets held a jolly New Year's party in Edinboro'. Bards of the Heather flock together, what?

### ADD SIMILES

As empty as a church on a weekday.

Radiogram from Crusty Bill says that one touch of rouge makes an old maid look as good as new.

### WAIL FROM WALLY

About the only time a wife is useful, opines Wally, our incurable bach., is when you have to make out your income tax returns.

Nan of Nanton sarcastically informs us that she'd hate to marry a comic columnist as he'd always be making light of things. Especially troubles, Nan, especially troubles.

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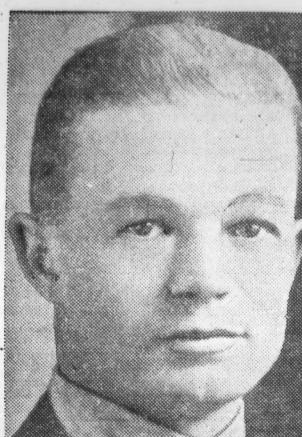
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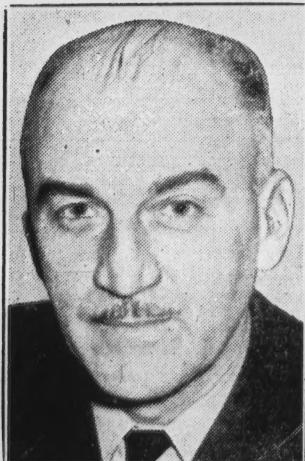
Here is Captain Arthur Roy Brown at the age of 24, when he had twice won the Distinguished Service Cross, and shot down at least 12 enemy planes, one of them piloted by the Red Knight of Germany, Baron Manfred von Richthofen. Now he wants to serve again, but the air force "does not seem to want me."

**Raided by R.A.F.**

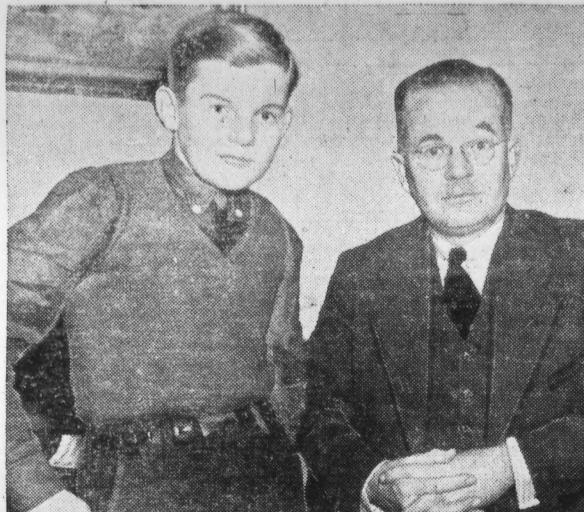


Raids on Heligoland and other German bases have been repeated during the past two weeks, while frequent raids are made on Sylt to keep down Nazi mine laying flying boats. Some of the reports of heavy engagements come first from Danish sources.

**Studies British Ways**



Group Captain L. F. Stevenson, commanding officer of the R.C.A.F. station at Camp Borden, is one of the R.C.A.F. senior officers sent to England to study recent training procedure, so that it can be adopted in the Empire air training plan.



At the top is Captain Roy Brown with his son, David, as they look today. The lower pictures show the portly Herman Goering, "No. 2 Nazi", Reich air minister (and other things) as he looks now and as he was when a pilot with Richthofen's circus. Roy Brown met and tested both Richthofen and his brother, but never heard of Goering until after the war.

**Slim Slayer of Skies**



The Red Knight of Germany, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, was officially credited with 80 Allied aeroplanes before Canada's Roy Brown ended his career April 21, 1918. Brown himself had been shot down the week before, and afterwards scored a bloodless win over Von Richthofen's successor.

**Japanese Parade in Captured City**



Although crowded off the front pages by two European wars, the conflict between China and Japan still rages in the east. These Japanese troops are being reviewed by Commander Imamura after their entry into Nanning, said to be an important strategic point of General Chiang Kai-Shek's army in South China. More recently the Chinese armies have been scoring victories.